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Patent Application of:

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For: LAYERED POROUS TITANIUM OXIDE,
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,
AND CATALYST COMPRISING THE
SAME

Examiner: J. WOOD

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicant provides the following comments.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-19 remain allowed in connection with the present application.

In the reasons for allowance, the Examiner has stated:

No prior art could be found that reaches or suggests a process for coating titanium oxide onto an inorganic oxide particle which meets the limitations of claim 1 (especially, an amorphous TiO₂ coating, i.e., does not register on analysis with XRD). (Emphasis added)

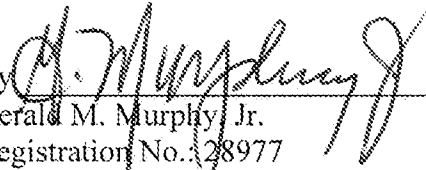
Applicant's interpretation of the Examiner's comments is that the above quoted sentence should read "No prior art could be found that teaches or suggests a process for coating titanium oxide onto an inorganic oxide particle that would produce a product which meets the limitations of claim 1" (underlined words added). In other words, applicants want to clarify that claim 1 is directed to a "product" and not a "process". In addition, the comments in parentheses are not limitations in claim 1 and should not be read into claim 1. With respect to process claims 13-16, these claims should be interpreted based on the words of the claims. The Examiner's comments regarding the invention stated in the Reasons for Allowance should not be read into the process claims.

Should there be any matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Toyohiko Konno, Registration Number at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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